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SUBJECT: HUNGARIAN SHIPS/U.S. PORTS

REF: BUDAPEST 335, STATE 204799 OF AUGUST 28, 1975, AND
BUDAPEST 3049 OF SEPTEMBER 19, 1975

1. WE NOW HAVE IN HAND INTERAGENCY AUTHORITY TO REDUCE
OUR PORT SECURITY RESTRICTIONS ON HUNGARIAN VESSELS, AND
THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT OUR MARITIME NEGOTIATIONS
WITH THE ROMANIANS ARE WELL ENOUGH ADVANCED FOR YOU TO
APPROACH THE HUNGARIAN GOVERNMENT.

2. OUR ACTION TO REDUCE RESTRICTIONS, WE BELIEVE, WILL
CONTRIBUTE POSITIVELY TO OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. IN
THIS CONNECTION, YOU MAY NOW RAISE THIS WITH THE GOH
ON AN OCCASION OF YOUR CHOICE. WE ARE NOW ALSO PREPARING
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THE TEXT OF A DIPLOMATIC NOTE FOR YOUR USE.

3. UNDER THE NEW PROCEDURE THE SHIP'S AGENT WOULD REQUEST COAST GUARD PERMISSION FOR GOH VESSELS TO ENTER US PORTS, AND THE REQUEST WOULD BE MADE AT LEAST FOUR FULL WORKING DAYS IN ADVANCE OF ENTRY. THIS WOULD REPLACE THE PRESENT REQUIREMENT FOR A FOURTEEN-DAY ADVANCE REQUEST THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. ONLY COMMERCIAL PASSENGER SHIPS

AND MERCHANT VESSELS (EXCLUDING FISHING AND FISHERIES SUPPORT VESSELS AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH VESSELS) WOULD BE EFFECTED. THE PROFFERED PORT SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FOR HUNGARIAN VESSELS ARE THE SAME AS THOSE NOW APPLIED TO POLISH AND ROMANIAN SHIPS.

4. AS EMBASSY WILL RECALL, DOT ASSISTANT SECRETARY BINDER LAST FALL TOLD MINISTER RODONYI THAT THIS MATTER WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION WITHIN USG. RODONYI HAD PREVIOUSLY RAISED THE MATTER WITH AMBASSADOR MCAULIFFE.

5. DEFINITION OF "FOUR FULL WORKING DAYS ADVANCE REQUEST REQUEST": REQUEST (NOT NOTICE) IS RECEIVED FOR ENTRY TO A U.S. PORT FOUR FULL WORKING DAYS IN ADVANCE. NOT COUNTED AS FULL WORKING DAYS ARE DAY OF RECEIPT, SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND USG HOLIDAYS. REQUESTS FOR CHANGE OR MODIFICATIONS TO PREVIOUS REQUESTS MUST BE FILED IN SAME MANNER, I.E. FOUR FULL WORKING DAYS IN ADVANCE. WITH THE NEW FOUR-DAY ADVANCE REQUEST, A STRICT POLICY ON SHORT-NOTICE EXCEPTIONS WILL ALSO BE ADOPTED. INGERSOLL

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